



## **CHECKLIST: TO DETERMINE READINESS TO BUILD A CHURCH RECREATION FACILITY**

- Does the church have an existing recreation program that involves children, youth, adults and senior adults?
- Does the church have a full-time staff person other than the pastor with recreation programming responsibility?
- Does the church understand the additional manpower, both volunteer and paid, required for proper operation of a facility?
- Does the church have adequate financial resources to perpetually budget each year for the ongoing expenses of church recreation programming, staffing, maintenance, equipment, utilities, insurance, etc.?
- Does the church have a plan for controlling, staffing, and hours of operation of the building?
- Is the current need for a facility being met by rented or borrowed recreation space from other community groups (schools, community center, YMCA, etc.)? If so, has the use of these been maximized?
- Is there an ample amount of good quality space to meet the education, worship and parking space needs for all age groups for at least the next five years?
- Does the church own adequate property for expansion of worship, education, recreation and parking facilities for the foreseeable future of the church?
- Does the church have a long-range master plan for the stewardship of all property owned?
- Can the church afford to build commercial quality, durable construction that fits with other buildings on-site and purchase heavy-duty furnishings that will withstand the recreational use and potential abuse of such a facility?
- Does the church recognize that a recreation building alone will not make it grow, or more evangelistic?

If the answer to all of these questions is yes; full speed ahead! You're a good candidate for a church recreation or multi-purpose facility. If the answer to even one of these questions is no; the church should:

- 1.) Reconsider building a church recreation facility until these issues have been addressed, or
- 2.) Plan to address them in the early planning stages of the project.

Contact a Church Recreation specialist at LifeWay Church Resources for programming information (615) 251-3848.  
Contact the Church Architecture Service for master planning and building design information (615) 251-2466.